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Student concerns heard in SGA

By Cleiri Quezada
Staff Writer

Limited parking spaces in SET-B, a library without books and required name cards at the University Boulevard Classroom Building concern Student Government Association clerk Rosalinda Rangel.

She had a series of comments and concerns for the SGA executive board during its meeting on Thursday.

In the New Library, students have to wait almost a week to check out a book.

"The New Library, in case you haven't noticed,

is really small compared to the old library, and a lot of students were complaining that some of the old books are still in the old library," Rangel said.

Students have to notify a staff member if the library doesn't have the book they need; then, their book will be brought from the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library to the New Library, this process can take as long as a week, Rangel said.

"Some of the students were like, 'What if my assignment is due the next day or in the same week and I have to wait for that book?'" she said.

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Enrollment increase helps balance budget

By Rene Cardona Jr.
Staff Writer

This fall semester, enrollment figures surprised UTB/TSC officials with a 4 percent increase, double its goal.

The university's lingering deficit of \$3.289 million was mitigated by the revenue generated from the tuition of this increase.

About 12,000 students were enrolled as of Wednesday, said René Villarreal, interim associate vice president for Enrollment Management. First-time freshmen made up about 1,900 students of that total. Villarreal attributes this rise to the economy.

"The economic situation has not necessarily been the best, so as a result our community or people who live in the lower Valley tend to think that this is the time to go back to school because they have been displaced due to unemployment or layoffs," Villarreal said.

The first class day, Aug. 24, UTB/TSC witnessed an enrollment of about 13,200 students.

The number of students lost is a usual number, Villarreal said. The students lost are most likely first-year students because of the transition and some elements of the registration and financial aid process that can become difficult.

"Our first-year students are the most easily able to identify because they are transitioning from a high school setting to a college setting," he said. "One of the things we have encountered is that we don't necessarily have in place a positive structure where students understand the processes. The financial aid process is quite lengthy. Having to encourage students to apply early is going to be our focus this coming

spring semester and next fall."

Additionally, 4,600 Dual Enrollment students are taking courses at high schools or on the UTB/TSC campus. However, this number is expected to increase because some high schools are still registering students and UTB/TSC is processing the paperwork. Villarreal is expecting an additional 600 Dual Enrollment students after schools end registration for Dual Enrollment courses and the paperwork is completed.

"By the end of our cleanups and editing, we should end up with at least a 4 percent increase," Villarreal told *The Collegian*.

Sophomore mechanical engineering major Carlos McKinnon contrasted the number of students congregating between Cardenas North and South Halls last year and this year.

"I think there are more students this year than last year," McKinnon said. "By going over to Cardenas, there are more groups of people."

A goal of a 2 percent increase for Fall 2009 was established and UTB/TSC surpassed it. Villarreal said UTB/TSC would like to maintain this momentum and retain the students for the Spring 2010 semester. He would like to implement a goal of a 10 percent increase for Spring 2010. To make this goal a reality, Villarreal has proposed to intensify recruitment efforts and to place focus on early registration.

"We want to make sure that [incoming students] apply early to our university, that they test early on and that they visit an academic adviser during April and May," he said. "We are currently looking at establishing a process in which

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100 hear independence cry

By Graciela Salazar
Spanish Editor

Los Fresnos resident José Luis Hernández said Sept. 16 is a very special day for Mexico.

"It's an honor for us that here, in the United States, this day is being commemorated," said Hernández, who was born in Mexico City.

He was among 100 people who joined the Mexican consul in celebrating Mexico's 199th independence anniversary Wednesday at the Gazebos.

"We are very proud of this relationship and this tradition every year to celebrate Mexican Independence Day under the frame of Hispanic Heritage Month," said Victor Manuel Treviño Escudero, Mexican consul in Brownsville.

Those celebrating included students, faculty, staff and members of the Brownsville and Matamoros communities.

Every September 15 at 11 p.m., Mexicans all over the world gather to remember the day in 1810 when the Rev. Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla declared the beginning of Mexican Independence. Mexico began its fight to become independent from Spain the next day; but it was not until Sept. 27, 1821, that Mexico proclaimed itself as an independent nation.

After receiving the flag from the guard from Colegio La Salle, a high school in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico, Treviño Escudero began the *Grito de Independencia* by exclaiming: "Long live our national independence! Long

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ELIZABETH A. PEREZ/COLLEGIAN

Members of Grupo Folklórico de Coahuila dance during Wednesday's celebration of the *Grito de la Independencia*. The celebration took place at the Gazebos.

Poll Results

Do you feel
safe on
campus?

Yes 60% (76 votes)



No 40% (51 votes)



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Scores get health check at open house

By Cleiri Quezada
Staff Writer

Cesar Mejia wanted to know if he is diabetic, so he visited the Student Health Services open house on Tuesday to find out.

"I came to get it checked out," said Mejia, 24-year-old UTB/TSC junior who underwent a free glucose test at the event.

Fortunately, his test came out negative.

"So far, so good; they said I was all right," he said.

Mejia was one of about 200 students who attended the open house, which also offered weight analysis and body mass index assessments. Friendship of Women Inc., Planned Parenthood and the Valley AIDS Council provided students with important lifestyle tips.

Glucose exams normally would cost \$2 at Student Health Services, but at the open house



LEWIS OSORIO/COLLEGIAN

Clinical Counselor Charla Layne checks the glucose levels of a group of students during Student Health Services' open house Tuesday. Student Health Services, located in Cortez Hall 237, is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

the test was free of charge.

A reading between 10 and 19 for a person who fasted before the exam falls within the

normal range, said Clinical Counselor Ricardo Ayala III.

"If it's too low, it might be hypoglycemic," Ayala said. "If it's too high, it could be hyperglycemic and if [the results are] higher than 110, we would ask [the student] to come in later; that way, we can find out if you're pre-disposed to becoming a diabetic."

Students who underwent glucose tests received pedometers, T-shirts, BMI assessments, weight analysis and relaxation tips.

Healthy snacks--bananas, apples, oranges, peanut butter sandwiches and iced tea--awaited the visitors at the entrance of Student Health Services, which is located in Cortez Hall.

Ayala told *The Collegian* UTB/TSC collaborates with a variety of clinics and health services in order to help the student

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Police Reports

Following are among the incidents reported by Campus Police between Sept. 8 and 11.

At 4:36 p.m. Sept. 8, a student noticed his Ford F-150 pickup truck was scratched while it was parked in Lot U. The damage was estimated at \$200.

At 9:58 a.m. Sept. 10, a staff member reported that a Chevrolet Malibu was blocking traffic near parking Lot Z. A Campus Police officer approached the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop for stopping, standing or parking in a

prohibited area. The driver of the car, a student, was disrespectful. The case was forwarded to the dean of students.

At 10:35 a.m. the same day, a Campus Police officer observed a Ford Mustang parked in a handicapped parking space without a handicap parking permit in parking Lot AB. The officer confronted the student, who admitted to using his father's handicapped placard. The placard was confiscated and turned in to the Texas Department of Transportation.

Briefs

Volunteers needed

The **Center for Civic Engagement** is seeking volunteers to help renovate the **Good Neighbor Settlement House** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. The settlement house is located on the corner of 13th and Tyler streets. For more information, call 882-4303 or send an e-mail to scholars@civicengagement.com. The event is sponsored by **Home Depot**.

Tennis tournament sign-up

Registration ends Wednesday for the **Campus Recreation Tennis Tournament**. The tournament, which will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Garza Gym tennis courts, will have men's, women's and co-ed divisions. For more information and to sign up, visit www.campusrecreation.utb.edu or call 882-5970.

Join-a-Club Day

Student Life will sponsor **Join-a-Club Day** at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the REK Center. For more information, call 882-5138.

Bacchus network meeting

Student Health Services will conduct an informational meeting on the **Bacchus Network**, a student organization dedicated to promoting campus and communitywide leadership for healthy and safe lifestyle decisions, from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Union's Salon Gardenia. For more information, contact **Ricardo Ayala III** at 882-8951 or at ricardo.ayala@utb.edu or **David Mariscal** at 882-5141 or at david.mariscal@utb.edu.

Art exhibit

An exhibit of paintings and drawings by **Sam Coronado**, a professor of art at Austin Community College and a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, continues through Oct. 16 in the Rusteberg Art Gallery. Admission is \$1. The gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 2:30-5 p.m. Monday, 2:30

to 5 p.m. Tuesday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, 2:30-5 p.m. Thursday and 2-5 p.m. Friday. For more information, call 882-7097.

SGA meeting

The **Student Government Association** meets at 5 p.m. each Thursday in the Student Union's Salon Gardenia. Students may offer suggestions, comments or concerns about UTB/TSC during the **"Let Your Voice Be Heard"** portion of the meeting. For more information, call SGA President Ruby de la Fuente at 882-5877.

Civic Engagement meeting

The **Civic Engagement Scholars Club**, a community service organization on campus, meets at 4 p.m. every Friday in the Cueto Building, located at 1301 E. Madison St. For more information, call 882-4303.

Accordions celebration

"The Big Squeeze," a documentary film on the Big Squeeze Accordion Fest in Austin, will be presented at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Student Union. There will also be performances by accordionists by **Juan Longoria Jr.** and **Heriberto Rodriguez**. The event is sponsored by the City of Brownsville, Texas Folklife, UTB/TSC and the Cinesol Film Festival. For more information, call 882-5138.

Beach cleanup

The **Civic Engagement Scholars Club** will host a beach cleanup from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. at the Cueto Building, 1301 E. Madison St. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. For more information, call 882-4303.

Patron of the Arts

Baritone **Daniel Hunter-Holly** and pianist **Kenneth Saxon** will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, children and UTB/TSC students with a valid ID.

Guitarist **Gabriel Bianco**, a

graduate of the **Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique et de Danse de Paris**, will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and children, and \$5 for UTB/TSC students with a valid ID.

Clarinetist **Jonathan Guist**, flutist **Cristina Ballatori** and bassoonist **Carol McNabb-Goodwin** will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, children and UTB/TSC students with a valid ID.

'Amigoland' reading

Oscar Casares, a Brownsville native and Texas Southmost College alumnus, will read from his new novel, **"Amigoland,"** and sign copies of the book at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Barnes & Noble Bookstore on campus. Casares teaches creative writing at the University of Texas at Austin.

ACT prep courses

The **Language Institute** will offer **ACT prep courses** from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Sept. 29 in the International Technology, Education and Commerce Center room D3A.106. The class is recommended for high school juniors and seniors who are planning to attend colleges that require the ACT exam, as well as students entering the registered nursing program. The fee is \$140 and students may register in the same room. For more information, call **Jessica Banda** at 882-4178 or send her an e-mail at jessica.banda@utb.edu.

Photo exhibit

The **Student Union Office** is accepting entries for its **"Life thru the Lens: A Black and White Photo Exhibit."** The deadline to enter is 5 p.m. Oct. 7; forms are available in Student Union 1.20. The exhibit will open with a reception at 6 p.m. Oct. 12. For more information, call 882-6776.

Study Skills workshops

Learning Enrichment is conducting a **Study Skills workshop series** this month through October. This month, all workshops will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. in Cardenas Hall North 104. Today's workshop is **"Understanding Informal and Formal Writing"**; Tuesday, **"Understanding Your Textbook"**; Wednesday, **"Review of Basic Mathematics Concepts"**; Sept. 28, **"Academic Honesty and Your Writing"**; Sept. 29, **"Understanding Literature"**; and Sept. 30, **"Review of Intermediate Mathematics Concepts."** For more information, call the **Learning Enrichment** office at 882-8292.

BioSafety Workshop

The **University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston**, in conjunction with the **School of Public Health Brownsville Region Campus** and UTB/TSC, will present the seventh annual **BioSafety Workshop** Oct. 9 in the Education and Business Complex's Salon Cassia. The cost is \$5 for students, \$10 for faculty and staff and \$25 for the general public. The fee includes a certification, presentation package, breakfast and lunch. To register, contact **Sandra Gerace** at sandra.gerace@utb.edu or **Noemi Hernandez** at noemi.hernandez1@utb.edu. For more information call 882-5940.

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Development chief aims for ‘culture of philanthropy’

By Mayra Urteaga
Staff Writer

The Institutional Advancement Division has two new administrators who hope to get more alumni and the community involved in the university.

Ken Turpen has been appointed associate vice president for Development.

Vice President for Institutional Advancement Ruth Ann Ragland said Turpen “will help lead our development work in raising funds, working with our donors, working with our development board, working with the community and helping us build relationships, and inform folks about the wonderful things that UTBTSC is doing and invite them to join us in our work here.”

Turpen’s biggest goal in his new position is to create a culture of philanthropy on campus. He explained that philanthropy is a bit different from fundraising because philanthropy is about “doing things for other people and it’s not just a one-way street.”

“So, when I think about creating that culture of philanthropy, it’s getting alumni back involved and sharing with them how lives have been changed here in the university,” he said.

To develop this culture, Turpen said he is creating a communications plan to let former students, faculty and staff know the “wonderful” things that happen at UTB/TSC.

Currently, Development’s fundraising efforts are focused on the Distinguished Lecture Series and other traditional events.

Direct mail and cold calling will be the approaches used to start contacting alumni.

“We are going to start calling alumni on the phone,” Turpen said, “and we are going to start visiting alumni in their homes and trying to build that relationship, and trying to ask alumni to give back in a more specific and purposeful way.”

He said the fundraising program’s biggest opportunity is the university’s alumni database, so it has a lot of room to grow. On the other hand, he said, the challenge will be to find the resources to send a newsletter to



Ken Turpen



Marisa Campirano

all alumni, of which there are about 150,000.

Another challenge Turpen mentioned is getting the message across.

“How do we talk to the alumni, so that they see there is value here, there’s a need here, and that they should give back to their school?” he said.

Turpen said he wants current students to understand that once they are enrolled here at the university, they are alumni, and their support is needed now and when they graduate.

“I hope the students in the future understand that they are alumni, and they are going to be Scorpions forever, and that they need to give back to the school that gave them their education,” he said.

Turpen has experience in consulting, in university work and health care. He worked as a senior consultant for Hamilton, Bussell & Associates in Calhoun, Ga.; was executive director of the University Health Systems Foundation at the Pitt Memorial Hospital Foundation in Greenville, N.C.; executive director of Philanthropic Service for Institutions in Silver Spring, Md.; and principal, business manager and director of development of the Platte Valley Academy in Sheldon, Neb.

He has conducted seminars throughout the world on philanthropy and fundraising.

“He is bringing new expertise, new energy and new enthusiasm to our development work,” Ragland said, “and we are just delighted to have him.”

Turpen, a native of Houston, holds a bachelor’s degree in education from Pan American University and a master’s in education administration from the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

He will earn \$100,000 annually.

Marisa Campirano will serve as the first director for Alumni Relations and “is working to help build an alumni organization for this young institution,” Ragland said.

Campirano said her goals are organizing events that will attract alumni to the institution, like the upcoming Homecoming; expanding the services the association offers; raising more funds for scholarships and endowments, and increasing awareness among current students.

“We are doing a homecoming this year ... as a way to start building relationships with current students, faculty and staff, but also with those that have moved on, to help invite them back in campus,” she said.

Homecoming will be a week filled with several events, including the “Life thru the Lens” photo exhibit, the Distinguished Lecture Series, the STEMS 5K Run, Late Night Ghost/Historic Walking Tour of Campus, a movie on the lawn, a pep rally and a tailgate party. It will take place Oct. 12 to 18 at different locations.

“[The] movie on the lawn will be a Friday evening event,” Campirano said, “so we are encouraging everyone to come and bring their blankets, bring their snacks and hang out and watch the movie.”

She said the association is working on how to expand the services it offers because currently all of them are very local, but the university has alumni all over the United States and the world.

“We just did an event in New York at the end of July and we figured we had about 300 alumni living in the New York City area alone,” Campirano said.” In Los Angeles, we have a little over a 1,000, and in D.C. we have a few hundred. That is without looking at San Antonio, Austin, Dallas or Houston, where we have even more alumni.”

UTB/TSC has a database of about 150,000 alumni, but only 5,000 are registered members of the Alumni Association, which was founded in the 1996-1997 academic year. Anyone who has taken a three-credit-hour course is an alumnus, but must pay \$25 annually to become a member.

Membership includes such benefits as a discount rate for the membership at the

Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center; rights to use the library like any other student, except for the online databases; and invitations to special events on campus.

Alumni Relations has designed an enhanced newsletter that is being sent monthly to alumni.

Current students should see the alumni association as a resource, Campirano said, because it can connect them to individuals in other cities, and so whenever they are away from home for an internship or a new job, they will “have a little bit of home” wherever they are.

The alumni association funds its operations through membership fees, fundraising activities and donations.

Ragland said there is discussion on whether the alumni association should be a paid membership program, as it is currently, or whether everyone becomes a member automatically, with the opportunity to make a donation. Both are models that have worked at other universities.

“We would like that we could do away with dues, that we could include all 150,000 alumni,” Campirano said, “so we are working on that, but as anything, it takes time. We don’t want to rush anything and find out later that it wasn’t the right thing to do, or that is not going to work well for us.”

Ragland said, “Anytime that you are a pioneer when building something, you have a lot of challenges to overcome, but [Campirano] has a lot of expertise and she has energy and enthusiasm for this position and she is going to do a great job in helping to build a good foundation for our alumni so we are delighted to have her.”

Campirano holds a bachelor’s degree in communication and feminist studies with a minor in Spanish from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, and is pursuing a master’s in public policy and management at UTB/TSC.

She will earn \$52,000 annually.

To become an alumni association member or to volunteer with Homecoming events, call Campirano at 882-4337, or send an e-mail to alumni@utb.edu or visit www.utb.edu/alumni.

Open House

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community.

Among the services offered is the Texas Vaccines for Children Program, for which UTB/TSC students who have not reached age 19 are eligible; however, parental consent is required for students 18 or younger.

“The program is in conjunction with the Brownsville Health Department, so through them we go ahead and provide this program,”

Ayala said. “We want to make it accessible to the students here at UTB.”

Students younger than 19 can receive the meningitis vaccine, which is a series of shots, at a total cost of \$5, Ayala said.

“If you were to get [the meningitis vaccine] past the age of 19, you would be paying \$110,” he said.

Other vaccinations available through the program are polio (IPV), measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), tetanus (Tdap), influenza (FluZone) and varicella

(chickenpox), hepatitis A, hepatitis B and the human papillomavirus (HPV).

Representatives from Friendship of Women Inc. passed out information about its 10th annual Walk for Safe Families, scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 3 at Dean Porter Park in Brownsville.

The organization informs women about domestic and dating violence and provides counseling for those who are physically, emotionally or sexually abused.

“Many times, clients go to our agency and

they don’t know what to do or who to talk to because they are threatened by the offender,” said Claudia Serna, a preventive specialist for Friendship of Women Inc. She said the organization attended the open house to inform young women about the services it provides for victims of violence.

The agency also provides victims with legal information and encourages women to detach from physical or psychological abuse.

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Student Soapbox

Who is your Hispanic hero?

“Alberto Cárdenas Jiménez. He was governor of Jalisco while I was there. ... He has been helping for the length that I was here, a good 15 years. ... I hope he runs for the next president in Mexico because he is very qualified for it, and I vouch for that.”

Daniela Castro
Junior marketing major



“I do not personally have a specific Hispanic hero, but I want to say more the Latinos, Hispanics celebrities that are in Hollywood, because by them being on films and on TV, [they] have opened more doors and made this culture more aware that Hispanic people can actually do anything.”

Jose “Frank” Orozco Jr.
Senior communication major

“My mom. She has always been very supportive in everything I’ve ever tried, or wanted to do.”

Brenda Lee Rios
Senior business management major



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Corrections

In the Sept. 14 issue of *The Collegian*:
--an article headlined “Communication program graduates to department,” misidentified Daniel Heimmerman, dean of the College of Liberal Arts;
--an article headlined “White Zebra rocks to original beat” misidentified the band’s extended play release “Mute Languages.”



Letter to the editor

Perhaps I am alone in thinking this, but who is coming up with these ridiculous ideas that the university is using? First off, we have a REK Center that was finished before the library. In whose mind does that make sense?

The REK Center is a nice building, but it merely serves as an empty facade for the administration to show visitors and say, “Look at what I did for UTB/TSC.” I am not the only student who feels that the library should have been finished much

earlier than the REK Center. Logic states that a university that wants to be known as an academic institution needs to offer its students a place where they can excel academically, where they can conduct proper research. Alas, this school offers nothing to the students who want to excel.

While I am on the case, whose brilliant idea was it to move to a smaller library? Why not have taken money that was intended for the “new-smaller” library and enhance the old library? I won’t

even go into the logic of this. This university is going further downhill with actions such as the above mentioned. If we are ever going to move past the recent cheating scandal, though I doubt we will, the university needs to show that it is about academics and not about wasting students’ money.

In regard to what is going on with the Student Government Association, it needs to be admitted that David Polin would be a great Brownsville politician. There is no doubt that his

character fits what the city has come to expect from people like [Mayor Pat] Ahumada. He will not make it in politics anywhere outside of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, so his best bet is to stay in Brownsville. When he speaks he reminds me of a marionette and I find myself wondering who his Geppetto is.

Enrique de la Garza III
Senior history major

ViaWeb: In response to The Collegian Online’s poll question: “Do you feel safe on campus?”

David
“When Campus Police was located in Cavalry [Hall], I thought it was good to have them centrally located on campus. Now that they’ve moved much closer to International [Boulevard], I feel my safety has decreased around the Life and Health Sciences Building and the Education and Business Complex areas.”

Christina
“I do not feel safe on the campus. After that shootout that occurred in Mexico, I feel a little more afraid. I go to the gym a lot, especially in the evening after work, and it’s pretty scary when I have to walk out to the parking lot.”



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Village roof catches fire; no injuries

Reprinted from The Collegian Online

By David Boon
Staff Writer

Junior criminal justice major Humberto Moreno was in his room at The Village at Fort Brown about 10:30 a.m. Sept. 14 when he caught a smell in the air that normally inspires fear.

"I was just in my dorm minding my own business," Moreno said. "I smelled the smoke, but there was no alarm, nothing. ... It seemed like very little smoke, but any little smoke, any smoke and you never know what's going to happen."

Moreno, along with the other residents who were in the housing complex at the time, was soon evacuated by Student Housing staff as the Brownsville Fire Department and the Brownsville Fire Marshal's Office arrived at the scene.

"The first reaction of the staff was to go room to room and see if someone had burned popcorn or if there was something in a room so that we could determine its location, but when the smoke started getting a little heavier, that's when we made the decision to evacuate and get the fire department here right away," said Residential Life Director Douglas Stoves.

The fire department was notified within 10 minutes of the housing staff first noticing the smell of smoke.

"Once the call came in, though, we were here probably two minutes after that, but it was the amount of time it took from smolder to fire, when the fire alarms went off, that was probably the biggest gap," said Chris Gracia, a lieutenant with the Fire Marshal's Office. "Of course we have no way of knowing because it was in concealed space, but once the alarms went off, here we are."

The cause of the fire has yet to be determined, but the Fire Marshal's Office speculated it was started when a roofing company worker was repairing the roof.

"It's standard practice for working on a roof, for patching a roof, to soften the outside," Gracia said. "The only way to soften the outside is with heat, and they have a little blowtorch to soften the asphalt. They did standard practice, melted it, put the patch, walked away. Then, 15 minutes later, apparently there had been a crack where it caught the lumber underneath the asphalt on fire and started to smolder."



MICHAEL PEÑA/COLLEGIAN

Members of the Brownsville Fire Department and the Brownsville Fire Marshal's Office halt the spread of a small fire Sept. 14 on the roof of The Village at Fort Brown student housing complex.

In order to halt the spread of the fire, the fire department first hosed the area and then cut away the smoldering wood.

"We had to end up cutting a 4-foot-by-2-foot hole to make sure that it was completely extinguished," said Gracia, who estimated the damage at \$200.

The fire prevention sprinklers were not activated.

"If the fire was inside the room, the sprinklers would have activated, but the area that was involved was actually right on top of the roof, so it wasn't in a position to activate the sprinkler system, so we're thankful that it wasn't a fully evolved fire," Stoves said.

Had the fire been bigger, the system would have gone off, he explained.

"I would say this one is almost unpreventable because it was standard procedure and it was truly an accident," Gracia said. "Accidents happen."

Stoves praised the cool head of everyone involved.

"I'm real grateful with the response time of Campus Police, and with the Brownsville Fire Department," he said. "And the residents did great. They got out of the building and they got out quickly. They went to the muster station where they were supposed to and they stayed away just as they were instructed."

Emergency crews left the scene just before noon.

Grito

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live the heroes that gave us freedom! Long live the Mexican students at UTB! Long live Hidalgo! Long live Morelos! Long live Allende! Long live Guerrero! Long live Josefa Ortiz de Domínguez! Long live Matamoros! Long live Mexico! Long live Mexico! Long live Mexico!"

The Mexican national anthem was sung by Jessica Lustenberger, a UTB/TSC international student, and the cheerful dances were performed by Grupo Folklórico de Coahuila from Mexico.

"It is an essential part of our institutional mission to recognize and to honor who we are, our binational, our bilateral culture,"

said Tony Zavaleta, UTB/TSC interim provost.

Treviño Escudero said that re-enacting the cry for revolution is a great responsibility.

"Even though we're just a few miles away, here [in the United States] you feel it more," he said. "When we sing our national anthem, see our flag or shout ¡Viva Mexico! we put more feeling in it. Here, the shouts sound better ... because we miss the festivals and parties, or places where we grew up."

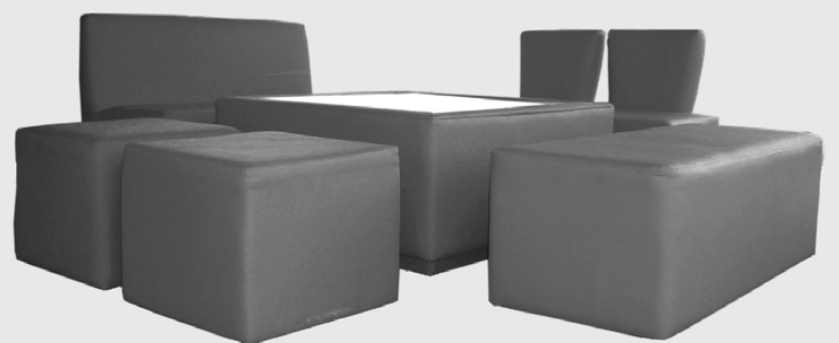
Hernández said he enjoyed the event.

"It's beautiful, the ceremony, the *grito*, the dances, everything is great," he said.

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City Commission passes effective tax rate

By Christine Cavazos
Staff Writer

The Brownsville City Commission has approved an effective tax rate of .654189 cents per \$100 valuation for the 2010 Fiscal Year.

The city initially proposed a 2-cent increase in the property tax rate.

Commission members voted against the 2-cent increase when they learned that the Brownsville Public Utilities Board (PUB) had agreed to transfer \$3 million from its surplus money to the city.

City Manager Charlie Cabler said he sent a letter Sept. 10 to PUB's General Manager and Chief Executive Officer John S. Bruciak asking him for the transfer.

The PUB board of directors and city commission had a meeting Sept. 14 to vote on the issue.

The \$3 million will erase the city's general fund budget deficit.

"There is no deficit, we balanced it," said Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer Pete Gonzalez. "Everything is now balanced."

Mayor Pat Ahumada voted against the effective tax rate, saying that the city will want to ask the utilities board for another transfer next year.

"It's coming down to this," Ahumada said. "PUB is bailing us out."



LEWIS OSORIO/COLLEGIAN

Brownsville City Manager Charlie Cabler listens to discussion regarding the transfer of \$3 million from Public Utilities Board to the city's budget during a special meeting Sept. 14 in City Hall.

not a loan, but rather a cash contribution," Gonzalez replied via e-mail.

Cabler said PUB will distribute the money in monthly allotments of \$250,000.

"We are going to have a close relationship with them, to see how things are going throughout the year, whether sales tax brings revenue or any other type of revenue," he

Cabler told *The Collegian* via telephone last Tuesday that the financial crisis has taken a toll on city revenues.

"Collections for the bridge are down 32 percent ... our sales taxes are down 5 percent," he said.

The Collegian asked Gonzalez if the city would have to reimburse the utilities board for the transfer.

"The \$3 million was an increase to the city's cash transfer; the additional one-time cash transfer is

said. "If the city's finances benefit from a positive economic turnaround, the payments may cease, or continue if that's not the case."

Beside the \$3 million, PUB gives 10 percent of its revenue to the city every year. Cabler estimates that for FY 2010, PUB will give the city \$4 million to \$5 million in revenue.

Commissioner At-Large "A" Anthony P. Troiani told the audience at the Sept. 14 meeting that he had spoken with PUB board member Ramon Hinojosa and that the utility does not plan to increase its rates.

"[Hinojosa] explained to me that at this time, based on the funding mechanism, that a rate increase would not be necessary," Troiani said.

District 4 Commissioner Edward Camarillo suggested the commission find creative solutions on a monthly basis to cut unnecessary spending.

"This next year is so essential that we figure out a way that when we are looking at budgets, revenues to [know how to] grow the city's money, on a month-by-month basis," Camarillo said. "We all need to be proactive."

Resident Dagoberto Barrera applauded the commission for not raising taxes, and expressed hope that it would continue to work toward consistent tax rates.

"Please work together, between you and PUB," Barrera said.

The total expenditures budget for FY 2010 is \$124,688,288. The new budget will take effect Oct. 1.

Enroll

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we could send out our recruitment office out to the high schools and/or our community. We have a college night that we host at the Brownsville Events Center and at that point we want to make sure we initiate the opportunity to apply early."

UTB/TSC made about \$20.4 million in tuition and mandatory fees this fall semester, said Chet Lewis, associate vice president for Business Affairs for Financial Services. This rise in enrollment was a factor in helping to

balance the budget. However, Dual Enrollment tuition does not contribute significantly to revenues because students participating in the program incur no charges other than a \$5 records fee.

In addition to raising enrollment, UTB/TSC also cut costs across the campus to balance the budget this semester.

"We had some increases in our state appropriations, we had some increases because students have come back and we've had increases in enrollment, but we also decreased our expenses and that's what made us able to balance the budget," Lewis said. "Primarily, the decreases that the [vice presidents] and the provost made the decisions upon,

ultimately Dr. Garcia approved, were in [maintenance and operation] across the university."

Freshman biology major Sunilda Solis sees an increase of students negatively affecting a campus that has mostly catered to a smaller student constituency.

"There is a fine line to the point where there is a good enough ratio between teachers and students and when there is just too many [students]," Solis said, "you won't have that confidence going to the teacher with a question [because] there will be too many questions that the teacher won't have time anymore."

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'Scopes

By **Hugo E. Rodríguez**
Sports Editor

Aries (March 21-April 19): Look around you, see all the buildings popping up left and right. Maybe you're in one of those right now. The REK Center, the University Boulevard Classroom Building, etc. Three years ago there was nothing but *monte* there. It's amazing what people can do when they don't stop believing. Take the hint this week--envision a great future for yourself and start moving toward it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): The fourth week just ended and while there's nothing you'd like to do more than staying in bed for eight days straight, you're going to have to get up at some point and take the test. Besides, you already left a dent in the poor bed.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You know, it being September, you'd *think* you wouldn't need a parasol to shelter you from this weather, but what can you do? Try to find shelter from those dark and cloudy negative feelings instead.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Days go by and you're still thinking about that person. Come on, take this week off, live a little and forget everything that's holding you down.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23): The Lion is known for its aggressiveness. This week will be good for you to practice that aggressiveness. You and you alone own the rights to your own future, time to seize it! Don't stop moving forward.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22): Some will argue that this world is a bit like a vampire. Not the sparkly, "oh-so-perfect" kind that everyone and their mother is freaking out about, but the deadlier vampire that just drains you, a secret destroyer leading you to the flames. My advice? Carry garlic.

Or a piece of good literature should you encounter said vampire.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Here is the shortest horoscope in our long and illustrious (two months!) horoscope history: Don't. Worry. Your. Life. Away.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you could make a deal with any of the deans, would you get them to swap places with you? Probably not, given the fact that you're still probably enjoying the college life and it beats sitting in an office. It's all about perspective. Live!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This week, you'll be sorely tempted to leave campus or get to campus at the peak hour. I would recommend you avoid doing this as you'll be there in the parking lot for awhile, and unless you act cautiously and aggressively, you won't be going anywhere, either.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's your turn to be the scapegoat (no pun intended) for karma's good graces. Surprise someone with a random act of kindness. Make a stranger's day and you'll no doubt be granted aces high next time you play Texas Hold 'em.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): If you are living a lie just to fulfill dreams of getting paid or having a significant other, it's time to let go. That's not the way to do things and you know it. Honesty is always the best policy, no matter what the U.S. Congress would have you believe by its actions.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): If today was your last day alive, you'd probably regret not using those \$20 to buy someone a nice gift instead of paying a late fee at the library. This week, make the most of every opportunity you have to live life up.

For art and music lovers, Galeria 409 is the place to be

By **Jacqueline Vasquez**
Staff Writer

Who would have thought a 157-year-old building in Brownsville could serve as a venue for local artists and musicians? Mark Clark did, and renovated one of the city's historical buildings and turned it into Galeria 409.

The popular gallery, located downtown, opened in April 2006 after nine months of renovations.

"We opened with a show called Uno," Clark said, describing it as an "overview of Valley art."

All of the art exhibited in the gallery is produced in the Rio Grande Valley, though some of the artists are not locals, such as one artist from North Carolina who presented a series of photographs about illegal immigration and the types of things left behind on the border.

Clark said that although all kinds of people visit the gallery to see the shows, the type of people it attracts depends on the art show. "Wild Style," a show that featured Texas prison art, tattoos, graffiti

and cartoons, attracted a younger crowd.

Carlos Cavazos, a senior psychology major at UTB/TSC, said he heard about the gallery through some friends and thinks the exhibit receptions are wonderful.

"They are always filled with energetic people, everyone's really colorful, the art is always fantastic and the people are so nice," Cavazos said. "There's wine and there's cheese."



LUCIANA MORALES/COLLEGIAN
Mark Clark, owner of Galeria 409, shows some of the artwork exhibited in his studio.

Admission is free and "almost everything is for sale," Clark said.

Galeria 409 differs from other art galleries in that Clark only takes a minimal percentage from the commission.

"I'm an artist myself and I've always kind of resented that, so I only charge 25 [percent] and on many occasions, I eat the commission

and just tell the buyer to make the check out to the artist," he said, explaining that typical commission can be as much as 50 percent.

Junior art major Adriana Cisneros has exhibited her photography three or four times at Galeria 409 and said she likes that Clark gives local artists opportunities they may not have had otherwise.

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Cupid's Corner



FRANCISCO ESPINOZA/COLLEGIAN

Name: Jonathan Garza
Age: 24
Classification: Senior
Major: Music education
Zodiac Sign: Cancer

What do you look for in the opposite sex? "Someone who is friendly, smart, someone who will appreciate me for who I am and what I do and have the same interests as I do."

If you could be another person who would you be? "I would be one of my drumming heroes, Danny Seraphine [of the group Chicago]."

What are some of your hobbies? "Playing the drums and listening to music."

What type of music do you listen to? "Classic rock and pop, [like] Chicago."

What do you like to do on the weekends? "Usually go out and eat and play my music."

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? "Married, with two children and teaching at a middle school."

What are three words that describe you? "Funny, friendly and smart."

Do you like short or long hair? "Both."

If you could have any superpower which one would you want? "Flight."

What is one of your favorite movies? "Tommy Boy."

What is the first thing you notice about a person you're attracted to? "Eyes."

Do you like the silent and mysterious types or the life of the party? "Either."

Free Association Quiz:

Love: "Happiness."
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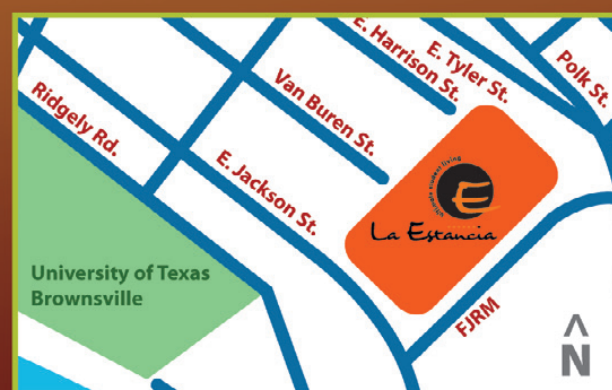
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Festejan el Grito de la Independencia

Por Graciela L. Salazar
Editora de Español

José Luis Hernández, residente de Los Fresnos, dijo que el 16 de Septiembre es un día muy especial para México.

“Es un honor para nosotros que aquí en Estados Unidos también se esté conmemorando el día nacional de estas fiesta patrias”, dijo Hernández, quien nació en la ciudad de México.

El estuvo entre las 100 personas que se reunieron junto al cónsul mexicano celebrando el aniversario 199 de la Independencia de México el pasado miércoles en los quiscos de la universidad (Gazebos).

“Estamos muy orgullosos de esta relación y de la tradición de celebrar cada año la Independencia de México como parte del Mes de la Herencia Hispana”, comentó Victor Manuel Treviño Escudero, cónsul mexicano en Brownsville.

Entre las personas festejando se encontraban estudiantes, empleados, personal docente y miembros de las comunidades de Brownsville y Matamoros.

Cada 15 de Septiembre, a las 11 p.m. se reúnen mexicanos en todo el mundo para recordar el día en 1810 cuando Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla declaró el inicio de la Independencia de México. México inició su lucha por independizarse de España al día siguiente; pero no fue hasta el 27 de septiembre de 1821 cuando México se proclamó como una nación independiente.

Luego de recibir la bandera de la escolta del Colegio La Salle, preparatoria en Matamoros, Tamaulipas, México, Treviño

Escudero inició el Grito de la Independencia exclamado: “¡Viva nuestra independencia nacional! ¡Vivan los héroes que nos dieron patria y libertad! ¡Viva la unidad de los estudiantes mexicanos de UTB! ¡Viva Hidalgo! ¡Viva Morelos! ¡Viva Allende! ¡Viva Guerrero! ¡Viva la corregidora Josefa Ortiz de Domínguez! ¡Viva Matamoros! ¡Viva México! ¡Viva México! ¡Viva México!”

El Himno Nacional Mexicano fue interpretado por Jessica Lustenberger, estudiante internacional de UTB/TSC, y el Grupo Folklórico de Coahuila de México bailó durante el evento.

“Es una parte esencial en la misión de nuestra institución reconocer y honrar quienes somos, nuestra cultura binacional y bilateral”, mencionó Tony Zavaleta, preboste interino de UTB/TSC.

Treviño Escudero dijo que recrear el grito de la independencia es una gran responsabilidad.

“A pesar de que solamente estamos a unos metros, cuando nosotros entonamos nuestro himno nacional o vemos el paso de nuestra bandera, o gritamos ¡Viva México!, como que le ponemos más sentimiento”, platicó el cónsul.

“Aquí los gritos me salen mucho mejor. ... Sale del alma porque uno lo siente más, y porque uno extraña las verbenas y las fiestas en los pueblos, o en lugares en los que uno creció”.

Hernández dijo que disfrutó el evento.

“Está precioso, la ceremonia, el grito, los bailables, todo está muy hermoso, preciosísimo de verdad”, concluyó.



ELIZABETH A. PEREZ/FOTOS COLLEGIAN



La escolta del Colegio La Salle, una preparatoria en Matamoros, Tamaulipas, México, presenta la bandera mexicana durante el festejo.



Victor Manuel Treviño Escudero, cónsul mexicano en Brownsville, da el tradicional Grito de la Independencia.



Casares regresa a UTB/TSC para una lectura de su libro

Por Graciela L. Salazar
Editora de Español



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Oscar Casares, ex-alumno de TSC, leerá y firmará copias de su novela “Amigoland” el miércoles en las instalaciones de la universidad.

La lectura y firma del libro será a las 5:30 p.m. en la librería Barnes & Noble.

Casares, un escritor Chicano nacido en Brownsville, dijo que es bueno regresar a Brownsville.

“Me siento muy agradecido cada vez que puedo regresar”, dijo. “Me di cuenta que soy lo que soy porque he tenido la oportunidad de comenzar [en TSC]”.

“Amigoland”, su primera novela, es una historia acerca de dos hermanos de la tercera edad que viven en Brownsville. Uno de ellos vive en Amigoland, un asilo ficticio.

Casares dijo que se tardó seis años en escribir la novela.

“Espero que cada persona que la lea obtenga una experiencia diferente”, dijo.

Casares enseña literatura creativa en la Universidad de Texas en Austin.

Entre sus trabajos previos se encuentra “Brownsville”, una colección de historias. Fue elegida por la Asociación American Library como Libro Notable del 2004 y fue aclamado por las publicaciones *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *San Francisco Chronicle* y *Entertainment Weekly*. Ha recibido becas de National Endowment for the Arts, the Copernicus Society of America, y Texas Institute of Letters, de acuerdo a su biografía en línea.

“Estoy trabajando en otra novela”, dijo Casares. “No estoy completamente seguro de cuánto tiempo me tomará, pero eso es lo que he planeado hasta ahora”.

La firma de libros es auspiciada por la Asociación de Ex-alumnos de UTB/TSC y la librería Barnes & Noble.

“El es un ex-alumno de nuestra institución”, dijo Marisa Campirano, directora del Departamento de Ex-alumnos. “Nosotros, como la asociación de ex-alumnos, queremos promover a nuestros ex-alumnos y traerlos de regreso a la institución”.

El evento forma parte del festejo del Mes de la Herencia Hispana en UTB/TSC.

Copias de “Amigoland” están a la venta en la librería a \$23.99.

Shane steps down as dean, returns to classroom

By Julianna Sosa
Collegian Editor

After 20 years in administrative positions, Martin Shane resigned from his position as dean of the School of Business to teach and interact with students, something he said he has missed.

"I felt it would be good for me in this juncture of my professional career to return to where I started, in the classroom helping students," Shane said. He is teaching Principles of Management.

Shane served as dean of the UTB/TSC School of Business for three years until Aug. 1, when his resignation went into effect.

Chip Dameron, vice president for Academic Affairs, said Shane helped the School of Business progress and played a key role in moving it toward AACSB-International accreditation.

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Business is one of the most prestigious business program accreditation organizations worldwide.

"It's sort of been a process for 10 years," Dameron said of the accreditation. "We'd get some work on it and then a dean would leave, so it kind of was in fits and starts. [Shane] managed to get that forward so that was one of his valuable contributions."

Other initiatives Shane pushed forward as dean are curriculum redesign with the implementation of a master's degree in entrepreneurship; a cooperative program between the School of Business and the Maquiladora Association of Matamoros, Mexico; and the establishment of a student leadership council.

"I have enjoyed tremendously my job as dean at UTB/TSC," Shane said. "I have worked with outstanding faculty,

students, staff administrators and community members and it has been a tremendously rewarding experience for me. In the last three years in the school, the change of leadership and the transition has been very smooth and the school is in good hands and the progress toward accreditation is on schedule."

Rafael Otero, a professor who served as chair of the Business Administration Department, has been appointed interim dean, and Associate Professor Gerald Hollier succeeds Otero as chair.

Otero said that as chair, he worked closely with Shane and will continue moving current initiatives forward. He is teaching one class, as well as serving in his new position, and expects this semester to be "very busy."

Otero will receive a monthly stipend of \$1,000 for his new duties. Dameron said the search for a new dean will begin sometime this fall and anticipates the position will be filled by the end of the spring semester.

Ukraine student in graduate fellowship here

By Cynthia Hernandez
Staff Writer

UTB/TSC has received its first graduate student as part of the U.S. Department of State's Edmund S. Muskie Fellowship Program.

Maksym Klyuchar is from Yevpatoria, Ukraine. He is pursuing a master's degree in public policy and management.

"I'm very happy about the fact that I'm here and, so far, I've enjoyed the program a lot," Klyuchar said.

Established by Congress in 1992, the Muskie Program aims to "foster the transition to market economies in Eurasia for fellows from 12 countries of the former Soviet Union," according to a news release from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The university became a part of this program after Dean of Graduate Studies Charles Lackey applied in order to offer



Maksym Klyuchar

Muskie fellows an opportunity to obtain a master's degree at UTB/TSC. The funding for the Muskie program is partially from UTB/TSC and the International Research and Exchanges Board, or IREX.

IREX is a nonprofit organization that provides leadership and innovative programs to improve the quality of education, according to its Web site.

"Basically, what IREX does [is] they have about 114 of these Muskie fellows that come to the United States, and what I did

was apply for our participation in the program back in February," Lackey said.

Klyuchar is a graduate research assistant in the Government Department.

"He's working on a project for Dr. [James] Storbeck and me," Associate Professor Terence Garrett said. "They had him apply here and he was accepted into the program and we're happy to have him."

Klyuchar said that applying for the Muskie Fellowship was a lengthy process.

"You submit a whole bunch of documents," he said.

After the application is submitted, the program narrows the number of applicants by choosing a couple of students and conducting an interview, followed by an exam.

"They review the documents, then the interview is

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Men’s golf sets school record in Hill Country



LUCIANA MORALES/COLLEGIAN

Freshman Matthew Cadriel practices his swing during a Thursday afternoon practice at the Fort Brown Memorial Golf Course.

By **Hugo E. Rodríguez**
Sports Editor

The UTB/TSC Men’s Golf Team, playing in the John Bohmann Memorial Invitational in Seguin, took first place in the tournament and set a school record for lowest score in a round (285) in the process.

Their total stroke count was 849, 15 strokes under second place Hardin-Simmons University (864), which finished two strokes below third-place Trinity University (866) in the tournament hosted by Texas Lutheran University Sept. 14-15.

“Golf, sometimes, you just have it going, the balls dropping, and that’s what happened for the guys,” said Lucio.

Senior Brock Crosson was pleased with the result. “It’s the first tournament that we’ve won since I’ve been here,” Crosson said. “Which is three years now, so it’s pretty exciting to start the year off that way.”

He said breaking the school record was “unreal.” “Every time we’re under par as a team is really good,” Crosson said. “And if you can take it 9 under like we did, everyone’s really playing well. So it’s good to build on that. And to shoot three rounds under par as a team is something that I don’t think anyone ever thought we could do, this early in the year at least. I think there’s potential to do it.”

Sophomore Joseph Lucio credits the team chemistry for the success in the tournament.

“We’re expecting to do well, maybe first or second,” the sophomore said. “Of course, we always want to win, but we just came together as a team. “And [if] one of us went way down under, then everyone noticed, everyone looked around, they noticed that, ‘Whoa, someone’s on fire, let’s

do the same thing,’ so everyone started going under par, and we started doing well, and it’s really a mindset because all of us have it in us, as we can see in this tournament.”

He later added that the team having fun playing the game and not focusing so much on the scores was a vital element to the success.

Both Crosson and Joseph Lucio said the success was an auspicious sign.

“I think we can build off this and really use the momentum, hopefully, get us on the national stage, where people start recognizing that we have talent to compete with the top teams in the country,” Crosson said. “Shooting 15 under for three rounds, not many teams can do that, so I think it shows that we’ve got potential to be one of the best teams in the country this year, and next couple of tournaments will really be a platform for us to show exactly what we could do.”

The women’s golf team also exhibited a strong performance in Seguin, as they played in the Lady Bulldog Classic.

The team placed fourth in a field of nine teams with a score of 698, behind the University of California-Santa Cruz (682), McMurry University (671) and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor (639).

In the Sept. 14 issue of *The Collegian*, Head Coach Bob Lucio predicted the women placing where they did.

“The girls played well,” Lucio said. “I thought that’s what they’d do. They actually finished fourth out of nine, giving us a winning record for the tournament. And I’m pleased because it’s a really good stepping stone. We have a very, very young team, and I expected that.”

Last year, the women’s golf team took first place in the tournament.

Win column growing for volleyball

By **Hugo E. Rodríguez**
Sports Editor

Last season, the volleyball team racked up 10 wins in the entire season.

This season, the volleyball team has obtained 10 wins--in two weeks.

After a strong early start, the Scorpions kept up the steam and swept the Madonna Tournament, in Livonia, Mich.

In the tournament, they faced three Michigan teams--Davenport University, Spring Arbor University and No. 9-ranked Madonna University--and Canada’s University of Windsor.

The Scorpions first defeated Windsor, Madonna and Spring Arbor with 3-1 scores and capped off the tournament by blanking Davenport 3-0.

Knocking off the No. 9-ranked Madonna University also gave the Scorpions a No. 14 rank in the NAIA.

“We just keep getting better and better,”

said Head Coach Todd Lowery. “That’s the exciting part about it ... when you go out every weekend and see a big improvement over the weekend before.”

Outside hitter Arelene Arraes Ferreira, who leads the team in kills with an average of 3.6 per game, said the team played its best to date.

Lowery, who formerly coached at National American University in South Dakota, talked about returning north to play.

“I guess it’s the same and it’s different, it’s nice some of these top 10 teams again, and a lot of people are just saying good things about our team,” he said. “Most people seem to think that this team is a little bit better in team chemistry and everybody’s saying that we play a little

bit better defense than the NAU team, so that’s good to hear, that’s something that we’ve been working on in practice.”

And that’s a pretty high compliment, considering that the National American University team under Lowery won two national championships (2002 and 2006) and made consecutive national tournament appearances in the other years.

Defense specialist Anayeli Treviño said the team “really proved a lot of people wrong because they don’t expect for us to be as good as we are now.”

This weekend, the Scorpions hosted Our Lady of the Lake University for the Red River Athletic Conference season opener. On Aug. 22, they played OLLU in the season

opener and defeated the Saints 3-0.

“We’ve already played [them] once and kind of beat up on them, but it was early on in the season for both of us,” Lowery said. “I’m not sure how much they’ve improved. I think we’re a much better team, so, hopefully, they’re ready for us, and I think we’ll be ready for them.”

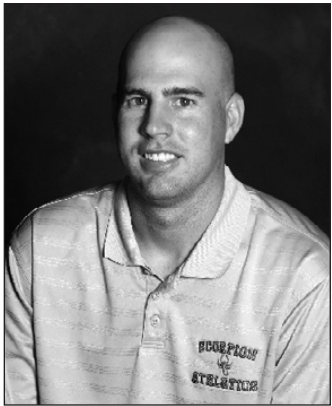
The Scorpions also played against Huston-Tillotson University and Davenport University this weekend. Results were not available at press time.

Treviño wants to start off the conference season on the right foot.

“We want to get two wins,” she said, “to boost our confidence up in the conference and just win [it].”

Ferreira said the Scorpions “expect to keep doing our best in the court and showing the best volleyball.”

The Scorpions next stop is Muskogee, Okla., where they will face RRAC rival Bacone College.



Head Coach Todd Lowery

Intramural extravaganza begins

By **Jeanette Martinez**
Staff Writer

Campus Recreation offers an array of intramural sports this academic year for students, faculty and alumni of UTB/TSC.

This semester, participants have flag football, tennis, racquetball, dodgeball, volleyball and pingpong to choose from. Basketball, soccer and softball will be offered next spring semester. All competition takes place at the Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center.

Dodgeball, the newest intramural addition, began this summer with a total of seven teams. Intramural Sports-Club Sports Coordinator Raul Cano said he hopes to have at least 10 teams for the sport this semester.

Intramural competition typically lasts three weeks; teams that make it to playoffs have an additional week of competition. T-shirts are awarded to championship teams and the top teams get to represent UTB/TSC in tournaments off campus against other schools, such as the University of Texas-Pan American.

Participation in intramurals has increased from last year, Cano said. Flag football had 20 teams last year and this year there are 23, with three additional teams on a waiting list.

Competition began last Wednesday and is played on the REK Center field from 6 to 9 p.m. each Wednesday and Thursday. A total of five games were played on Wednesday.

The results were as follows Co-Rec (Most Wanted 25-“R” 22), Men (Most Wanted 35-Night Hawks 0), Men (Wii Phat 30-Fireflies 0), Men (UTB Cowboys 27-Gators 16), Men (Chargers 12- Las Aguilas 6).

A tennis tournament is scheduled Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Garza Gym tennis courts.

Students are required to have a 2.0 GPA to participate in intramural competition and must take their student ID to every event. Students can register for intramurals at the REK Center office. The deadline is this Wednesday.

For more information, contact the Campus Recreation office at 882-5967.

Scorpions take battles on the road

By **Hugo E. Rodríguez**
Sports Editor

The UTB/TSC soccer teams faced tough competition this weekend as they hit the road to play against old rivals and new opponents.

The men’s team (4-0), ranked 25th nationally, traveled to Alabama to take part in the University of Mobile’s “Rumble in the Jungle” Tournament where it battled the University of Mobile Rams (1-4) on Friday and Belhaven College Blazers (4-1) on Saturday.

The women’s team (2-1-1) stayed in state and traveled to San Angelo, where it challenged NCAA Division II Angelo State University (4-0), and after that, traveled to Houston to face the Texas Southern University Lady Tigers (2-3) for the second time this season.

Results were not available at press time. The road games come after a busy Sept. 11 weekend for the Scorpions that saw them go goal-happy against Texas A&M International University in Laredo.

The men’s team came back from a 2-0

deficit on Monday night to overcome the Dustdevils 4-2.

The women’s team--well, they took it to the next level.


After trailing 2-0 in the early first half, something woke up and the Scorpions went on a goal frenzy, scoring three goals before the end of the half and scoring five goals in the second for an 8-2 Scorpion win.

Head Coach Nik Barjaktarevic said that while the team had a slow start, the players solidified themselves and began working together toward the Dustdevil smack-down.

“I thought TAMIU played a great game,” Barjaktarevic said. “The first 30 minutes, we just didn’t come out firing like we need to come out. All the games before we get to conference [play], they’re all a good teaching tool for us, so I think we’re just learning a lot every game, and I think we’re getting more confident in every game.”


Forward Leah Russell, who scored a hat trick the Sept. 13 game in Laredo, expected victory in the road games.

“I’m expecting us to win both games and play very well, but we’ll see how it goes,” Russell said.



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Editor in chief pays visit to campus



LUCIANA MORALES/COLLEGIAN

Cheryl Fields, editor in chief of Trusteeship magazine, addresses the students of Associate Professor Sharaf Rehman's Introduction to Theater class Thursday in the University Boulevard Classroom Building.

By Jeanette Martinez
Staff Writer

Students received a visit from Cheryl Fields, editor in chief of Trusteeship magazine, Thursday.

Fields was invited back to UTB/TSC for the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Challenge for Excellence Grant. University officials say she was the first to give national media coverage to Texas Southmost College's Challenge for Excellence Scholarship Endowment in an article for the Chronicle of Higher Education newspaper published on Jan. 3, 1990.

Texas Southmost College raised \$1 million in 18 months to obtain \$2 million in government funds for a total of \$3 million toward scholarship endowments for students in the Texas Southmost College District.

Fields was a guest speaker to students in Associate Professor Sharaf Rehman's drama class. Fields graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in journalism. She says she always aspired to

be a journalist; she wanted to be "on the inside" to gain information to inform the public. She was lucky enough to have been able to go directly into her field of interest and follow through with journalism.

She worked on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., and for United Press International in Detroit as a journalist before working for the Chronicle of Higher Education. It was when Fields was working for the Chronicle of Higher Education that she heard of Texas Southmost College's scholarship endowment challenge. She chose to write about Texas Southmost College over other Hispanic-populated schools in California because she saw that TSC was a better example of outreach programs. She said that this area "provided a microcosm of what South Texas was."

Fields says she is honored to have been invited back to UTB/TSC and is happy to see how the school has flourished since she last visited.

For more information on the endowment scholarships, contact the UTB/TSC Financial Assistance Office at 882-8819.



ELIZABETH A. PEREZ/COLLEGIAN

Meet and greet

Actress and model Cindy Vela makes out an autograph to sophomore history major Jessica Walker on Tuesday during a visit to associate professor Sheraf Rehman's Introduction to Theater class. Vela, a UTB/TSC graduate, also spoke to students after a showing of her film "Desdémona" Sept. 14 on campus.

Ukraine

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conducted and it's about 45 minutes [to] an hour interview, quite in depth," Klyuchar said. "If you are successful with the interview, you take the GRE."

After the Graduate Record Examination, the applications and test scores are sent to Washington, where the IREX tries to find a university that will suit the student's particular needs, wants and preferences.

"It's just a matching process and that's how I got matched with UT-Brownsville and I'm really happy about that," Klyuchar said.

Lackey said there were three applicants from the Muskie Program.

"Maksym was the only one that met the admission criteria and he wanted to go into the MPPM program," Lackey said. "Maksym was contacted and was committed to coming here."

In Ukraine, Klyuchar earned bachelor's and master's degrees in translation and

interpretation. He then went on to work for the United Nations Developing Program for two years in the communication unit. He was first a translator and interpreter, but then went on to become a communications associate.

"We told the people about what UNDP is there for, what we do in the field, how we work with the people, what the project is for," he said.

This is Klyuchar's second time in the United States. He came for a year when he was 15 years old and graduated from North Platte High School in Weston, Mo., while living in the neighboring city of Camden.

"It's a very tiny city of 500 people," Klyuchar said. "I loved it. It was very nice."

The Muskie Program has about 3,000 applicants a year, with a 5 percent rate of acceptance. Muskie fellows are given the opportunity to study for a one-year non-degree, a one-year degree or a two-year degree in the United States. Klyuchar is one of the elite students eligible for a two-year degree program.

Casares returns to campus for book signing

By Graciela L. Salazar
Spanish Editor

TSC alumnus Oscar Casares will read and sign copies of his novel “Amigoland” Wednesday on campus. The lecture and book signing will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Casares, a Chicano writer and Brownsville native, said it is great to come back to Brownsville. “I’m very grateful anytime I can come back,” he said. “I realized I am what I am because I had the opportunity to get my start [at TSC].” “Amigoland,” his first novel, is a story about two elderly brothers who live in Brownsville. One of them is a resident of Amigoland, a fictional nursing home.



Oscar Casares

Casares said the novel took him about six years to write. “Hopefully, each person walks away from reading it with a different experience,” he said. Casares teaches creative writing at the University of Texas at Austin. His previous work includes “Brownsville,” a collection of stories. It was selected by the American Library Association as a Notable Book of 2004 and was praised by the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *San Francisco Chronicle* and *Entertainment Weekly*. He received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Copernicus Society

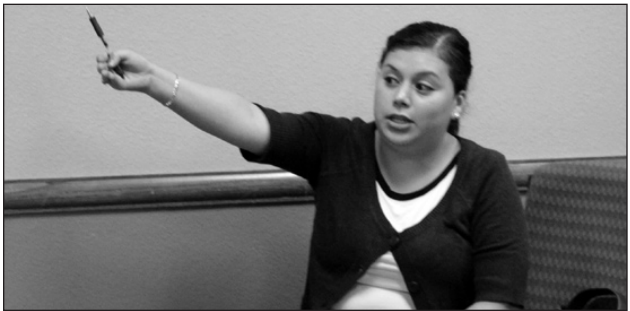
of America and the Texas Institute of Letters, according to an online biography. “I’m working on another novel right now,” Casares said. “I’m not entirely sure how long it will take me, but that’s basically what I’ve planned so far.” The book signing is hosted by the UTB/TSC Alumni Association and the Barnes & Noble Bookstore. “He is an alumnus of our institution,” said Marisa Campirano, director of Alumni Relations. “We, as the alumni association, would like to help promote our alumni and bring them back to campus.” The event is part of UTB/TSC’s observance of Hispanic Heritage Month. Copies of “Amigoland” are available at the bookstore for \$23.99. Discounts are available for UTB/TSC staff.

SGA

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Rangel asked that the student government take a closer look at what is behind these policies. “A long time ago, when they were explaining to us about the New Library, they told us that this library was going to be purely electronic and the books were going to remain in the old library,” she told the senate. Rangel said she also received a few complaints from students who were shaken by the idea of having to wear a name card during class time at the UBCB. “Every day when you go to your classroom you must be wearing your nametag; otherwise, you can’t be walking in the facility’s second floor,” she said. “What’s the purpose of having the students with nametags every day they go there, what’s going on with that?” Dave Smith, a history major responded that the reason name cards are used is because “that’s what they did at Harvard.” UTB/TSC President Juliet V. García asked that a name card be required in the building, he said. “That came directly from Professor [Ron] Lane, who told us [in a class discussion],” Smith said. “That is the official reason that the professors were told.”

Another issue was about an employee who stood in front of three parking spaces in front of SET-B in order to reserve a space for some students. The Career Services Department has been doing the same thing as well. “The rest of the students and the rest of the employees in the university have to wake up early to find parking and so should everybody else,” she said. The identities of the employees reserving parking spaces are unknown. SGA Vice President of Administration David Polin also recognized senior exercise science major Raul Castrejon, who had a concern about a Campus Police officer who gave him a warning for riding his bicycle on the *Paseo*. “Last week, I had a police [officer] stopping me on my bicycle and he gave me a warning, saying that next time that he would see me again on the bike he will give me a ticket,” Castrejon said. He said a 10-minute break does not allow him the privilege of walking from Tandy Hall to UBCB. “I ride my bike from Tandy to UBCB because I don’t make it [within] the 10 minutes, which brings another point,” Castrejon said. “Instead of having a 10-minute break between classes, do it a little bit longer so people walking can reach from Tandy to EDBC or UBCB.” Polin replied that nothing could be done for this semester.



LUCIANA MORALES/COLLEGIAN

SGA Clerk Rosalinda Rangel voices the concern students have about the name card requirement on the second floor of the New Library. “As far as the break time, this semester has already begun, but definitely we can explore that for next semester,” he said. The SGA executives are working together to find an accurate response to these students’ concerns. “There is no business to be conducted,” Polin said. “Our purpose is to provide a forum for all the students and that’s why we’re here.” In other business, nine students turned in their candidate application forms to the SGA for freshman elections. The voting will take place from 8 to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Results will be announced at 5 p.m. Thursday in



MICHAEL PEÑA/COLLEGIAN

The art of persuasion

Dana Almeida, vice president of the Campus Activities Board, talks to freshman auto mechanics major Christopher Zuniga about the organization during the Join-a-Club Day Fair on Tuesday at the Student Union.

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anything.” The master’s program is divided into two sections, foundation courses and concentration courses, all of which will be provided by UT-Pan Am faculty. Foundation courses have to be taken regardless of concentration. The concentration courses offered will be in administrative and community practice. This program will take more than the typical two years because its courses will be available on a part-time basis. Most courses for the bachelor’s degree will also be tailored to students who work. “We want to accommodate the need of working students, and most graduate students have to work to make a living,” Diaz said. “What we are planning to do in Brownsville is offer a bachelor’s degree mostly during the evening, so people who work during the day can also go to school.” Only one of the two master’s level concentrations that UT-Pan Am offers, administrative and community practice, will be available to UTB/TSC students. This is attributed to two reasons: a lack of resources

and a need for social workers trained in administration. “We are trying to deliver bachelor’s programs mostly through distance education and there are only so many courses we can teach without stretching our faculty resources too thin,” Diaz said. “For that reason ... we couldn’t possibly offer the full curriculum we teach here long-distance. We have a shortage of social workers with training in administration and community practice, something that has been happening for a long time. We have direct practitioners that are hired into administrative positions and they’re ill-equipped for those positions because they never received the training.” Courses from the bachelor’s and master’s programs will be dual-listed, enabling UT-Pan Am and UTB/TSC to efficiently utilize faculty and time. Graduates can have most of the first year of the master’s program waived. Students interested in pursuing a bachelor of social work degree or a master’s degree in social work may contact Virginia Ramos, academic adviser for the College of Liberal Arts, at 882-8253.

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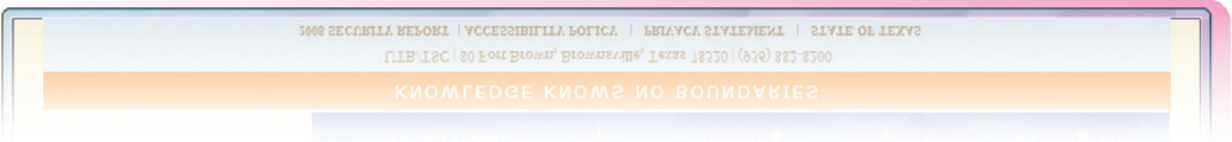
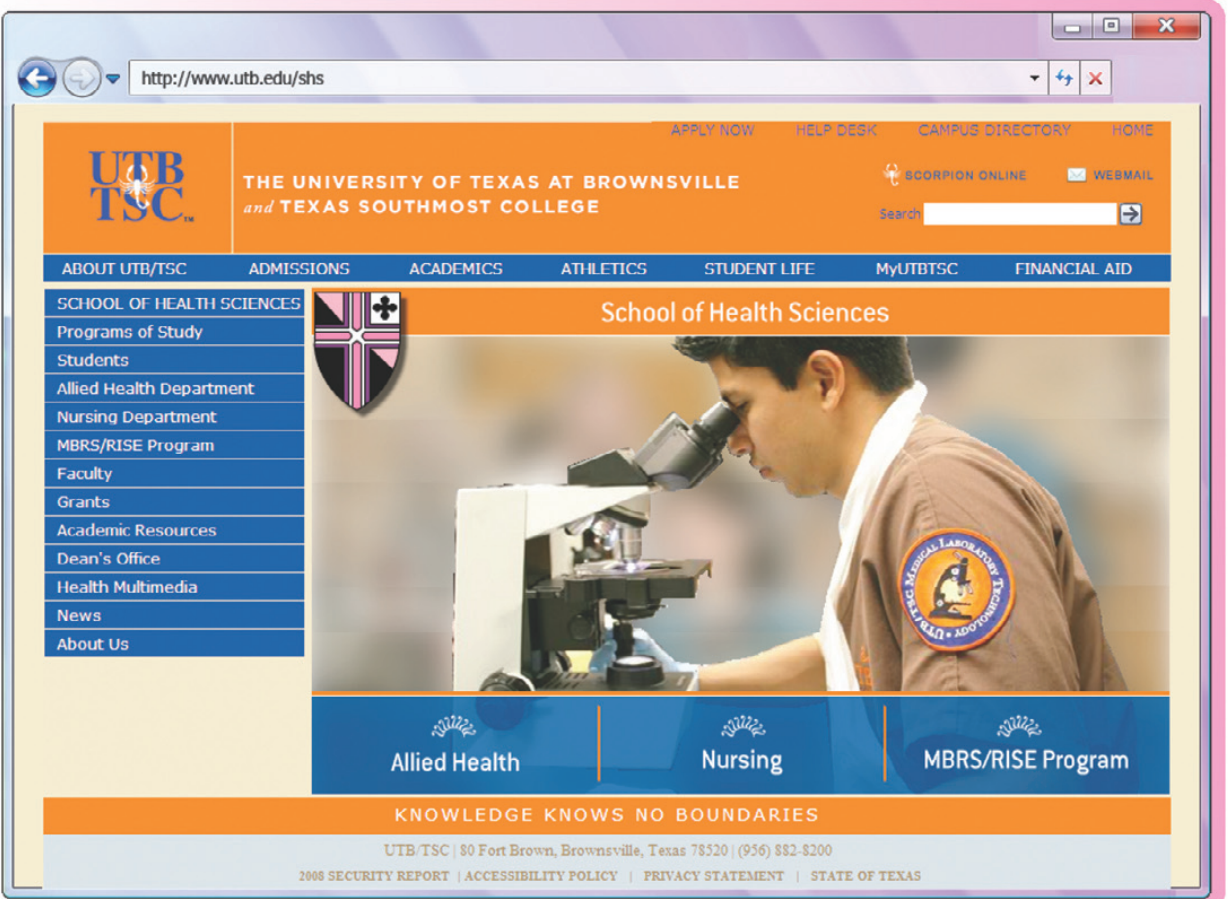
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